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THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF MCM-54-75 DATED AUGUST 20, 1975  
FROM THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO SYG.

BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJECT: THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM - CORRIGENDUM NO. 4 TO  
MC 67/3(FINAL)

REFS: A. DPC/D(74)22, 23 SEPT 1974 (NS)

B. MC 67/3(FINAL), 7 JAN 1972 (NS)

C. MCM-34-75, 30 MAY 1975 (NS)

1. (NC) THE REPORT ON EXERCISE HILEX-6 (REF A., PARA  
71(1)) DRAWS ATEENTION TO THE FOLLOWING DIFFERENCES IN INTERPRE-  
TATION THAT AUTHORITIES GAVE TO CATEGORY 1 IN THE CATEGORIZATION  
OF ALERT MEASURES:

A. BY PLACING A MEASURE IN CATEGORY 1, NATIONAL AUTHORITIES  
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ACCEPT THE OBLIGATION TO IMPLEMENT THE MEASURE UPON ITS DECLARATION.

B. BY PLACING A MEASURE IN CATEGORY 1, NATIONAL AUTHORITES  
GIVE AN INDICATION OF THEIR (PRESUMABLE) REACTION TO ITS DECLAR-  
ATION; AS THE DECLARATION ITSELF REMAINS A "REQUEST", NATIONS

REMAIN FREE TO DECIDE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURE- IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO THE TIME OF SUCH IMPLEMENTATION. THIS VIEW WAS ADOPTED BY THE MAJORITY OF NATIONS.

2. (NS) THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, IN CONSULTATION WITH MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS, HAS EXAMINED THIS QUESTION. IT HAS NOTED THAT PARA 9 OF REF B. STATES THAT BY CATEGORIZING A MEASURE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES ARE SIGNIFYING IN ADVANCE THE COURSE OF ACTION THEY INTEND TO TAKE; THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE INTERPRETATION KN PARA 1.B. ABOVE. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL STATEMENT IN PARA 9 IS SEPARATED FROM THE DETAILS OF CATEGORIZATION, WHICH ARE IN PARA 10. THE CONCEPT OF "INTENT" IS NOT REPEATED IN PARAGRAPH 10. AN AGREED AMENDMENT TO THE PREAMBLE TO PARA 10 OF REF B., WHICH MAKES CLEAR THAT CATEGORIZING MEASURES IS AN INTENTION AND NOT AN OBLIGATION BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES, IS IN THE DRAFT CORRIGENDUM NO. 4 AT ENCLOSURE.

3. (NS) THE OPPORTUNITY HAS ALSO BEEN TAKEN TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF CATEGORY 2 BY REPLACING THE TERM "APPROPRIATE ALERT STATE" BY "THE STATE OF MILITARY VIGILANCE".

4. (NC) THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED CORRIGENDUM NO.

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5. (NC) THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IS ACCORDINGLY INVITED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO MC 67/3(FINAL) DETAILED IN THE DRAFT CORRIGENDUM NO. 4 AT ENCLOSURE.

CORRIGENDUM NO. 4(DRAFT)

-TO-

MC 67/3(FINAL), 7 JANUARY 1972(NS)

SUBJECT: THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM

HOLDERS OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENT ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS, APPROVED BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 1975.

A. PAGE 4, PARA 10

AMEND LINE 26 TO READ: "INDICATE THEIR INTENTIONS  
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BY CATEGORIZING ALL MEASURES OF THE STATE OF MILITARY VIGILANCE.....".

B. PAGE 5

AMEND LINE 5 TO READ: "STATE OF MILITARY VIGILANCE  
OR WHEN THE APPROPRIATE ALERT STAGE HAS.....".

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